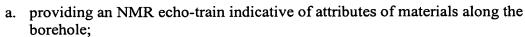
IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (canceled)
- 2. (canceled)
- 3. (currently amended) A method for measuring an indication of attributes of materials containing a fluid state, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing a time-domain signal indicative of attributes of said materials in a single event measurement;
 - b. constructing a time-domain averaged data train from said signal, the averaging being performed over two or more time intervals Δ_i , wherein at least two of said two or more time intervals Δ_i are different; and
 - c. computing an indication of attributes of said materials from the time-domain averaged data train.
- 4. (previously amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the following expression is used to construct the time-domain averaged data train: $S_{\Delta}(t) = \int_{t}^{t+\Delta} dt' S(t')/\Delta$, where S(t) is the provided time-domain signal.
- 5. (previously amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the interval Δ_i is variable and the time-domain averaged data train is constructed at times $t = t_0, t_0 + \Delta, t_0 + 2\Delta, \dots, t_0 + N\Delta$.
- 6. (previously amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the time-domain signal is an NMR echo train.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of computing an indication of attributes is performed using inversion of the constructed time-domain averaged data train into T_2 domain.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the T_2 distribution is estimated using the following expression $S_{\Delta}(t) = \sum_{T_2} \phi(T_2) \exp(-t/T_2) (1 \exp(-\Delta/T_2)) + Noise$, where $\phi(T_2)$ is the porosity corresponding to the exponential decay time T_2 .
- 9. (previously amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of averaging two or more constructed time-domain averaged data trains to increase the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the measurement.
- 10. (canceled)
- 11. (canceled)
- 12. (currently amended) A method for measuring an indication of attributes of materials containing a fluid state, comprising the steps of:



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- b. constructing a <u>single event</u> time-domain averaged data train from said NMR echo train, the averaging being performed over two or more time intervals Δ_i , wherein at least two of said two or more time intervals Δ_i are different; and
- c. computing an indication of attributes of said materials from the time-domain averaged data train.



13. (previously amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of averaging two or more constructed time-domain averaged data trains to increase the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the measurement.

14. (previously amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the following expression is used to construct the time-domain averaged data train:

 $Echo_{\Delta}(t) = \int_{t}^{t+\Delta} dt' Echo(t')/\Delta$, where Echo(t) is the provided time-domain signal over a time interval Δ_{i} .

15. (previously amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the time interval Δ_i is variable and the time-domain averaged data train is constructed at times $t = t_0, t_0 + \Delta, t_0 + 2\Delta, ..., t_0 + N\Delta$.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of computing an indication of attributes is performed using inversion of the constructed time-domain averaged data train into T₂ domain.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the T_2 distribution is estimated using the following expression $Echo_{\Delta}(t) = \sum_{T_2} \phi(T_2) \exp(-t/T_2)(1 - \exp(-\Delta/T_2)) + Noise$, where $\phi(T_2)$ is the porosity corresponding to the exponential decay time T_2 .

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

- 20. (currently amended) A method for increasing the spatial resolution of NMR logging measurements, comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing an NMR echo-train indicative of attributes of materials of interest; and
 - b. constructing a <u>single event</u> time-domain averaged data train from said NMR echo train, the averaging being performed over two or more time intervals Δ_i , wherein at least two of said two or more time intervals Δ_i are different.
- 21. (previously amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of averaging two or more constructed time-domain averaged data trains to increase the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the measurement.

22. (previously amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the following expression is used to construct the time-domain averaged data train:

 $Echo_{\Delta}(t) = \int_{t}^{t+\Delta} dt' Echo(t')/\Delta$, where Echo(t) is the provided time-domain signal.

- 23. (previously amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the time interval Δ_i is variable and the time-domain averaged data train is constructed at times $t = t_0, t_0 + \Delta, t_0 + 2\Delta, \dots, t_0 + N\Delta$.
- 24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of computing an indication of attributes is performed using inversion of the constructed time-domain averaged data train into T_2 domain.
- **25.** (original) The method of claim 24 wherein the T_2 distribution is estimated using the following expression $Echo_{\Delta}(t) = \sum_{T_2} \phi(T_2) \exp(-t/T_2)(1 \exp(-\Delta/T_2)) + Noise$, where $\phi(T_2)$ is the porosity corresponding to the exponential decay time T_2 .
- **26.** (previously amended) A method for real-time processing of NMR logging signals, comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing real-time data corresponding to a single-event NMR echo train indicative of physical properties of materials of interest;
 - b. constructing a time-domain averaged data train from said NMR echo train, the averaging being performed over variable time interval Δ using the expression

$$S_{\Delta}(t) = \int_{t}^{t+\Delta} dt' S(t')/\Delta$$
, where $S(t)$ is the provided measurement signal, and the

time-domain averaged data train is constructed at times $t=t_0,t_0+\Delta,t_0+2\Delta,\ldots,t_0+N\Delta$; and

- c. computing in real time an indication of the physical properties of said materials based on the constructed time-domain averaged data train.
- 27. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of: inverting of the constructed time-domain averaged data train into the T₂ domain, wherein the T₂ distribution is modeled using the expression

$$Echo_{\Delta}(t) = \sum_{T_2} \phi(T_2) \exp(-t/T_2) (1 - \exp(-\Delta/T_2)) + Noise$$
, where $\phi(T_2)$ is the porosity corresponding to the exponential decay time T_2 .

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- 28. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of averaging two or more constructed time-domain averaged data trains to increase the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the measurement.

